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37/24. Promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing,

Recalling the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and all other human rights instruments,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 3 April 2006, in which the Assembly decided that the work of the Human Rights Council would be guided by the principles of universality, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity, constructive international dialogue and cooperation, with a view to enhancing the promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development,

Reaffirming also General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", in which the Assembly adopted the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda and pledged that no one would be left behind,

Recalling relevant resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council,

Recognizing that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter, including full respect for international law, and is grounded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights treaties, the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome, and is informed by other instruments, such as the Declaration on the Right to Development,

Recognizing also that the implementation of the 2030 Agenda must be consistent with a State's obligations under international human rights law,

Acknowledging that the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda are interrelated and mutually reinforcing,

Reaffirming the central role of the high-level political forum on sustainable development in providing political leadership, guidance and recommendations for

sustainable development and in following up on and reviewing progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments,

Noting the contribution of international human rights mechanisms, including the treaty bodies, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council and the universal periodic review, in promoting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in accordance with States' human rights obligations,

Noting also the important role that technical cooperation and capacity-building can play in building States' capacities to implement the Sustainable Development Goals in a way that is consistent with their respective obligations under international human rights law,

Recalling that the organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental organizations are invited to contribute within their respective mandates to the discussions of the high-level political forum on sustainable development,

1. *Decides* to organize two one-day intersessional meetings for dialogue and cooperation on human rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which will provide a space for States, relevant United Nations and regional human rights mechanisms, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations to voluntarily share good practices, achievements, challenges and lessons learned in the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

2. *Also decides* that the focus of each of the above-mentioned meetings will reflect the stated themes of the 2019 and 2020 meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development;

3. *Further decides* that the meetings should be held in advance of the 2019 and 2020 meetings of the high-level political forum;

4. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the two meetings in consultation with Member States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international human rights mechanisms, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders, and to facilitate their participation in the two meetings, as appropriate;

5. *Also requests* the High Commissioner to provide, for the above-mentioned one-day inter-sessional meetings, all the services and facilities necessary to make the discussions fully accessible to persons with disabilities;

6. *Requests* the President of the Human Rights Council to appoint for each meeting, on the basis of regional rotation, and in consultation with regional groups, a chairperson of the meeting from candidates nominated by members and observers of the Council; the chair, together with the Office of the High Commissioner, shall be responsible for the preparation of summary reports of the discussions of the meetings, to be made available to all its participants, and for their presentation to the Council at its fortieth and forty-third sessions, respectively;

7. *Decides* that the summary reports of the discussions of the two meetings should be made available to the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

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[Adopted without a vote.]